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STORY COUNTY IOWA
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 09-16

WHEREAS, food systems planning involves examining, from a policy standpoint, every aspect of a community's region in terms of all the players that bring food from the field to the plate. This includes farmers—be they from Iowa or Southeast Asia, processors, distributors, retailers, and finally consumers. Local food systems planning looks at all the food grown and raised in the local region and is brought to market in the local region.

WHEREAS, the benefits of local food systems planning are many and relate to nearly every aspect of policy-making in our society, including public health, environmental protection, agricultural preservation, homeland security, economic sustainability, and social health.

WHEREAS, the Story County Planning and Zoning Department Calendar Year 2008 Work Program approved by the Story County Board of Supervisors on January 22, 2008, identified a study entitled "Foodshed analysis to identify where and what is being grown in Story County and beyond and survey all local growers in Story County to establish baseline operations knowledge and relationships."

WHEREAS, the Story County Planning and Zoning Department developed and presented THE STORY COUNTY LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM—ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES to the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission and Story County Board of Supervisors,

WHEREAS, the Report identifies the Story County Region comprising the counties of Story, Polk, Boone, Dallas, Marshall, Jasper, Hardin and Hamilton.

WHEREAS, County governments have a role to play in helping the local food system as well and addressing the issues of the food system at a local level in Story County provides us the opportunity to be leaders in a growing movement towards a more sustainable future.

WHEREAS, the Report recommends that the Story County Board of Supervisors consider forming a local food systems steering committee called the "Grow Story County" committee comprised of local stakeholders, food systems experts and citizens to discuss issues and opportunities in the Story Country Region, including:

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| ▪ Public education of local food issues; | ▪ Niche farming opportunities; |
| ▪ Institutional purchasing of local foods; | ▪ Feasibility for a regional food processing facility; |
| ▪ Regional collaboration on food system issues and policies; | ▪ Allowing for small acreage farming; and |
| ▪ Recruiting and retaining more local food growers; | ▪ Fostering more equitable access to healthy foods. |

WHEREAS, the Report also recommends that the Board of Supervisors' "Grow Story County" committee appointments occur during January of 2009, lasting 18 months, with final presentation to the Board within one year of the initial appointment outlining recommendations for specific action, with an additional six-month appointment period built in to allow committee members' involvement in implementation strategies as needed.

WHEREAS, in order to focus the discussion, the committee is encouraged to discuss the issues in the county's food system identified in the Report and work to create recommendations addressing each of these issues.

WHEREAS, to coordinate and facilitate work by the Grow Story County Committee, the Story County Board of Supervisors adopts the initiative for the remainder of the 2008 calendar year and the 2009 calendar year work programs of the Planning and Zoning Department.

AND WHEREAS, on September 8, 2008, the Story County Planning and Zoning received and reviewed the Report and recommended to the Story County Board of Supervisors formation of the Committee as outlined in the Report, and if determined that there is a need for additional staffing, that be supported as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Story County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Grow Story County Committee to address food system issues in the County, including, but not limited to, development of educational programs, data-gathering, research projects, and policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grow Story County Committee shall have the following membership to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Two individuals representing Story County growers;
- Two individuals representing Story County consumers;
- One individual representing Iowa State University Extension;
- One individual representing Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture;
- One individual representing Practical Farmers of Iowa;
- One individual representing large grocery store(s);
- One individual representing small grocery store(s);
- One individual representing school districts located in Story County;
- One representative from the Story County Farm Bureau;
- One representative from the Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA);
- One representative from the Prairie Rivers of Iowa RC&D;
- One individual representing local restaurants and cafés; and
- One individual representing the Department of Family and Consumer Science from Iowa State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Story County Board of Supervisors direct the Planning and Zoning Department to develop outreach steps to solicit volunteers for such entities identified above and bring forward the list of potential names to the Story County Board of Supervisors prior to November 25, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Story County Board of Supervisors following receipt of potential names will formally appoint such individuals to the Grow Story County Committee prior to December 23, 2008, with appointments effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives from the Grow Story County Committee provide quarterly reports to the Story County Board of Supervisors throughout 2009 outlining specific policy changes and implementation measures.

Dated this 7th day of Oct., 2008

Wayne E. Clinton, Vice Chair
Jane E. Halliburton, Chair
Board of Supervisors
Story County, Iowa

Mary Mosiman
Mary Mosiman, County Auditor
Story County, Iowa

Moved by: Strohman

Seconded by: Clinton

Voting Aye: Strohman, Clinton

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Jane Halliburton

Chair Jane E. Halliburton declared the Resolution adopted.

Certification

We, Jane E. Halliburton and Mary Mosiman, being the duly elected and appointed Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Story County, Iowa, and the County Auditor of Story County, Iowa, respectively, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution which was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Story County, Iowa, at its regular meeting of the 7th day of Oct., 2008.

Wayne E. Clinton, Vice Chair
Jane E. Halliburton, Chair
Board of Supervisors
Story County, Iowa

Mary Mosiman
Mary Mosiman, County Auditor
Story County, Iowa